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(From Our Own Correspondent.)
MACAO, December 8.

The Becc da Rosa by-lane which branches off from the main road where the two leading fan-tan shops face each other and which is nightly the haunt of the rag-tag and bobtail of the Colony, was yesterday the scene of a dramatic scene to an affair traced to the eternal feminine: "Cherchez la femme."

During a heated interchange of words between a Filipino and two lunkos, the former resorted to his cuchillo and stabbed one of his opponents in the abdomen, causing instant death, while the other was removed in a very precarious condition to the military hospital where he succumbed this morning to several deep chest wounds.

The assassin was immediately arrested. He goes by the name of Hilario Barte but his real name is said to be Felipe Pina. Rumour has it that he came over to Macao about five years ago, a refugee from the paternal roof, having incurred the wrath of his father for playing false with his own kin and kin during the Hispano-American war.

The typhoon signal was hoisted from the early hours of morn yesterday and is still hanging from the yard arm of the flagstaff at Giua fort. It began drizzling this morning and at writing a steady downpour is no cheerful augury for the annual procession of the Blessed Virgin to be held this afternoon in honour of the Patron Saint of Portugal.

Lieut. Germano Diaz, A.D.C. to H.E. the Governor, has been appointed to the charge of the depot of arms and munitions of war imported by private dealers, in the stead of Lieut. Santos, who resigns.

On this have been current of late that the lottery of the Santa Casa is on the eve of another collapse but these rumours have not the slightest foundation in fact.

Sr. Miranda Guedes, Director of Public Works, is leaving shortly for Shanghai on an affair relating to the projected Canton-Macao Railway Line.

THE NATIVE PRESS AND THE FATSEAN CASE.

The native press discusses the Fatsean case with a good deal of bitterness. This bitterness is aimed, apparently, not against the British Consulate, but against the native officials, and especially against the Vicar of Canton. The innuendo appears to suggest that he has not taken up the matter with the thoroughness that was his duty and has not exerted himself to find out whether the foreigner charged with using force against the unfortunate man who died, was guilty or innocent. Treaties are quoted, and it is pointed out that, though the British Authorities could not well do anything further under the circumstances, the course was open to charge the man in the Portuguese Consulate. This, it is contended, would suit the matter to the bottom. It is clear, however, that the fact that foreigners are not liable to the laws of the Chinese Empire greatly irritates the writer, for he goes at great length to point out what would happen in any other country if such a thing had occurred, saying that unless it had happened on a man-of-war, the assumed culprit would be taken off by the police of the country where the deed had been committed, and would be tried, with the result that his guilt or innocence would be brought to light. In China this is impossible, and therefore arises all this difficulty. The writer continues that it now remains for the Vicar to take the matter up, and bring the case before the Portuguese Consul. This would be easy, because the British Consulate has promised that if the case is carried to this court, and any further business necessary, being British, shall be forthcoming, and shall be examined in order to find out the truth. The whole complaint, however, is not against the foreign Consulate at all, but against the native officials who are said to be indifferent to the honour of their own country, and prefer to let things slide rather than force an unpleasant matter to the issue. "After all," it is said, "the rulers of China are not men, Chinese or not. Each writer and each discussion is a good deal of harm, and yet it is not easy to suppress them."

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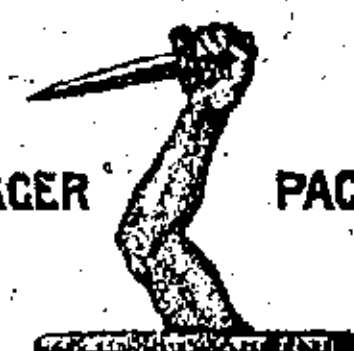
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CHINA AND TIBET.

A censor, having prepared a very elaborate memorial in respect to the future of Tibet, has forwarded it to the Grand Council at Peking. According to this critic the future of Tibet is somewhat precarious, and it behooves China to look well to her goings, otherwise she will have trouble in that region, and perhaps lose the great dependency altogether. First of all it would seem that a foreign nation is looking with covetous eyes upon Tibet, though whether this foreign nation is Great Britain or Russia is not stated in so many terms. It may be presumed, however, that the censor means either one or the other. Then the Grand Lama is not to be trusted. His visit to Peking has tended to exaggerate his importance in his own opinion, and he will now be less willing to be subservient to the suzerainty of China than before. Moreover, his words are not to be trusted, and though they are smoother than butter, when in Peking, his heart is altogether set on gaining more freedom for the Province over which he is the spiritual ruler. Therefore it is advisable that he be sent off home as soon as possible, and not allowed to wander from the direct path nor to linger by the way, or his influence may tend to create sympathy for himself among Buddhists in Mongolia and elsewhere, thus tending to increase his influence, to be used in future to further his own ends. It is pointed out that it would be very difficult to conquer Tibet, should a rebellion break out, as it is far from the centre of China and there are no railways or even roads which can be used for the conveyance of troops or military stores. It is urged, therefore, that the present Chinese mandarin now residing in Tibet be recalled, and that another official of much higher rank be sent. He should be a man of greater ability and having more authority, who should watch what is going on, and be ready to thwart any movement that would tend to remove Tibet from the direct and real authority of the Chinese Government. This memorial has gone to the Grand Council, and among others, Yuan Shi-kai has approved of it. The Council will therefore order that the main provisions and suggestions of the censor be taken in hand and acted upon without delay. It is certainly true that the Grand Lama is not looked upon with much favour by many of the high officials at Peking, and many seem to suspect his sincerity.

WHANGPU CONSERVANCY IRREGULARITIES.

Mr Commissioner Heban, of the Imperial Maritime Customs, has forwarded the following report to Viceroy Tuan Fang, at Nanking, concerning the alleged irregularities connected with the Whangpu Conservancy operations:—
1.—It is evident that from January last, when night dredging was in operation, the East Asiatic Dredging Company's Inspectors Altes and Ramsteig have been in the habit of altering figures in the hopper barge registers with the object of defrauding the Conservancy Board, also they have been guilty of offering "bribe money" to the overseers of the Conservancy dredging work.
2.—The Conservancy Board has employed 9 Overseers for barge duty: 7 being of British nationality, 1 of Norwegian, and 1 of Dutch, one of whom, Mills, a British subject, admits having received "bribe money," whilst the others have declared on oath before their respective Consuls that they have not accepted a cash.
3.—After mature consideration Mr de Rijke, the Board's Engineer-in-Chief, is of opinion that the number of barges returned in excess as a result of the Dredging Company's Overseers' false declarations cannot exceed 500 at the very outside.
4.—He declares Mr Ku Hing-ming's estimate of Tls. 40,000 per month as the loss sustained by the Conservancy Board as a result of the falsification, as entirely wide of the mark.
5.—The East Asiatic Dredging Company admit the wrongdoings of their Overseers in the matter of falsifying returns and offering bribe money to the Conservancy Overseers, and whilst tendering apologies are anxious to make full amends.
6.—Mr de Rijke, the Engineer-in-Chief, is of opinion that the contractors should be severely punished for the wrongdoings of their subordinates, and proposes therefore that they be required to dredge, free of charge, 50,000 cubic yards of mud, equaling 2,000 barge loads. The expense of doing this he estimates at Tls. 150,000.
7.—The East Asiatic Dredging Company, whilst of opinion that Mr de Rijke's terms are very severe, yet agree to accept the same.
8.—Further dishonest practices in connection with the loading and reporting of hopper barges will be impossible, it is considered, since dredging by night has now been discontinued.
9.—Of the Conservancy Board Overseers it is proposed to dismiss Mills at once, leaving the others to be dealt with later if the fact that they have received bribe money is actually established.

The London Correspondent of the Singapore Free Press says:—I am under the impression that you may hear very little more about the opium question, but if you do, and if any real effort is made to sacrifice the Colony to a piece of transcendental humbug, then you must speed like the suffragettes and you must also make the Straits Association in London equal and scratch too if necessary, that is if that august body possesses sufficient vitality to do either one or the other.

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From Saiwan in a North-Easterly direction, at ranges up to 6,000 yards, commencing at 3.30 p.m., and finishing at 5 p.m.
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From Upper Beloham in a North-Westerly direction, at ranges up to 10,000 yards, commencing at 10.30 a.m., and finishing at 12 Noon.
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Amusements.

9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Kamo Maru not cleared on

this date subject to rent.

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this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

Friday, December 11.—

2 p.m.—Tenders for the Supply of Alcon

Cement, at Yueh-Han Railway Co.'s

Head Office, Canton.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Jewellery, &c.,

at Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales Rooms.

Goods per Denbighshire undelivered

after this date subject to rent.

Saturday, December 12.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Chinese Porcelain,

&c., at Mr Geo. P. Lamont's Sales

Rooms.

Monday, December 14.—

2 p.m.—Bazaar at City Hall.

Goods per Manchuria undelivered at

noon on this date subject to rent.

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date subject to rent.

Wednesday, December 16.—

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Japanese Silk

Embroideries, &c., at Messrs Hughes &

Hough's Sales Rooms.

Monday, December 21.—

10 a.m.—Auction of Victrola Stores,

at H.M. Naval Establishments.

4 p.m.—Prize Distribution at St. Joseph's

College.

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Letters relating to business should be ad-

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and addresses with any communications ad-

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HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, DEC. 9, 1908.

JOHN MILTON.

THREE hundred years ago to-day was

born at a well-to-do house in Bread-

brilliantly from another, and quietness

from the archaisms of a third. His style

was thoroughly educated; he used

words not according to convention, but

with a strict reference to their derivation

and primitive meaning; and if he some-

times sacrificed power to refinement, he

never suffered himself to write vulgarly

in order to be thought to write down to

the popular style of the day."

Passing from St. Paul's School, he

entered Christ Church, Cambridge, and

he left the ancient university "free from

all reproach, and approved by all honest

men." There was nothing ascetic in

his outlook in those days: he enjoyed all

beautiful things: could wander in re-

verie beneath

The high embowed roof,

With antique pillars massy proof,

And storied windows richly dight,

Casting a dim religious light;

To listen to

The pealing organ blow to the full

voiced choir below:

In service high and anthem clear.

In those happy Cambridge days

though he shrank from certain forms of

festivities and questionable joking, he

could still enjoy "jest and youthful

jollity," and enter with spirit into the

"quips and cranks and wanton

wiles" of the world around him. The

gloom and sternness engendered by civil

strife and the later Puritanism was yet

to come: life became hard, rigid, colour-

less for him, as it became more intense.

Milton's father desired his son to enter

the Church, but the lad felt no call in that

direction. He wanted to be a poet, but

as nothing short of perfection ever

satisfied him, for he had the austere pride

of his own Loren, he felt very discour-

aged at the close of his University career

to find how little achievement he had to

his credit in the line he had chosen.

We find him writing:—

Yet be it less or more, or soon or

slow,

It shall be still in strictest measure

even

To that same lot, however mean or

high,

Toward which time leads me and the

will of Heaven.

All is, if I have grace to use it so

As may in great Taskmaster's eye

He was travelling on the Continent

when the troubles between Charles I

and his parliament brought him back

home in a hurry. Thenceforth for

many years we lose sight of Milton the

poet in Milton the political partisan

and patriot. He took no part in the

strife of words, nor did he write a

syllable to animate it. His duty to

God, as he saw it, was to make full use

of his reason and to try and bend men to

his way of thinking by the use of per-

suasive argument. To each man his

place: Milton's place was to keep

watch over the course of opinion

while the contest raged. It is an

old story now how he sacrificed his

eyesight for the good of the State.

Cromwell had in him a right excellent

Latin Secretary, one who could hold

his own against all the Continent of

Europe and the debt which we English

owe him is freely acknowledged to-day,

but the price Milton paid was very heavy

—total blindness and bitter persecution

in the fact that it is the Epic of

Puritanism, the poem of a fallen cause

—but will take farewell of Milton to-day

in the words of another Puritan poet,

LONGFELLOW:—

I pace the sounding sea-beach and

behold

How the voluminous billows roll and

run,

Upheaving and subsiding while the

sun

Shines through their sheeted emerald

far unrolled,

And the ninth wave, slow-gathering fold

by fold

All its loose-flowing garments into

one,

Plunges upon the shore, and floods the

dun

Pale reach of sands and changes them

to gold.

So in majestic cadence rise and fall

The mighty undulations of thy song,</

DECLINING BRITISH TRADE.

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 8. The imports into Great Britain during November have decreased by £7,237,650, while the decrease in exports amounts to £9,714,761.

THE INVASION OF ENGLAND.

FOG INCIDENT DENIED.

Language Said to Have Been Misrepresented.

(Exclusive Service supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, December 8. Mr. Reginald McKenna, M.P., First Lord of the Admiralty, speaking in the House of Commons, stated that Rear-Admiral Frank Finnis, of the Home fleet, who was reported to have said while speaking at Dover that during the last manoeuvres he conveyed a force representing 70,000 men to the Scottish coast unseen by the British Fleet, owing to the prevalence of fog, had no command during the last manoeuvres and further there was no such incident.

Rear-Admiral Frank Finnis explains that the words he used on that occasion were misrepresented.

Mr. McKenna is taking further steps to discover the precise language used.

(REUTERS SERVICE.)

AUSTRIA AND TURKEY.

LONDON, December 7. Advice from Constantinople states that the boycott of Austrian goods has extended to the whole of the Empire, except Smyrna.

RE-OPENING OF LIEUTENANT WOODS' CASE.

LONDON, December 7. The case of Lieutenant Woods has been re-opened, and writes have been served on Mr. Haldane, General Lyttelton, and others, then members of the Army Council, on the ground that they exceeded their powers in requiring the officer's resignation. An enquiry was held in Chelsea barracks on the 19th November, 1907, to investigate complaints made by Lieutenant Woods of the 2nd Grenadier Guards, regarding alleged unjust treatment in certain reports of the War Office.

THE SITUATION IN THE NEAR EAST.

LONDON, December 7. The situation in the Near East is regarded as discouraging; the boycott is unabated and the tension between Austria and Turkey is increasing. Austria and Turkey are unquestionably preparing for emergencies. Italy's attitude with Russia, which, though an unwritten one, is said to constitute a definite agreement to mutually support their respective interests in the Balkans is hailed with satisfaction in St. Petersburg and with ill-concealed dismay in Vienna.

WOMEN FINED FOR GAMBLING.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, December 8. A few days ago some women were found gambling in a Fanta house in Fung Yuen street, Salwan, and were at once arrested. The Fanta house has been confiscated and yesterday the women were brought before the magistrate; one was fined \$2,000, and the others \$80 each.

BACHELORS' DANCE.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, December 8. It is the custom here for the British Bachelors to give a dance in the club theatre every season, generally on New Year's eve.

Amoing to be held in the Club at seven o'clock to-morrow evening to make arrangements for this season's dance.

A RELIABLE REMEDY FOR COUGHS.
With the dry, cold weather of the early winter months, parents of coughy children should be on the alert for ominous symptoms. There is no cause for anxiety when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is kept in the house. If this medicine is given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the cough has appeared, the attack may be warded off. For sale by all chemists and druggists.

SHANGHAI LIBEL CASE.

LOCAL PAPERS AFFECTED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
SHANGHAI, December 8. The action for alleged libel by Mr. E. T. Bethel against North China Daily News commenced at Shanghai, to-day, before Deputy Judge Bourne and a jury. Mr. E. T. Bethel stated that the China Mail, South China Morning Post and the Hongkong Telegraph reproduced the telegram which is alleged to contain the libel.

[Note:—Immediately we became aware that the telegram which was reproduced from the North China Daily News was inaccurate we unreservedly apologized for having reproduced the same.—Ed. C.M.]

CLAIM AGAINST A COM-PRADORE.

Before Sir Francis Pigott, Chief Justice, at the Supreme Court, this morning, an interesting case was heard when Messrs. S. J. David and Co., sued Chan Ut Chin for alleged damages under a compradore agreement.

A counter claim was put in by defendant for the return of his security of \$65,000 and interest.

Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., appeared for the plaintiff, instructed by Mr. A. G. Jackson of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Co., Master, and Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., defended, instructed by Mr. J. Scott-Harston, of Messrs. Ewins and Harston.

The plaintiffs claimed that as part of the consideration of their employment defendant as compradore the defendant agreed to pay them any deficiency in the price of goods which, while he was compradore, should be sold, or agreed to be sold, by them to any Chinese, with or without the consent or knowledge of the defendant. The plaintiff had incurred losses in relation to, or arising out of contracts entered into with Chinese, and the defendant's liabilities as compradore amounted to \$648,816.67 and that was admitted by the defendant in his declaration made in support of a petition in bankruptcy.

A long legal argument followed as to who ought to begin on account of defendant having made an admission in the bankruptcy proceedings that he owed a certain sum to plaintiffs and subsequently pleaded that the admission was wrong, although at the time he believed it to be correct.

His Lordship held that the plaintiff ought to open the case.

In the statement of defence defendant denied that he ever agreed to pay to the plaintiff any deficiency in the price of goods, loss, profit, commission or any losses sustained by the plaintiff as alleged in a portion of the claim. Defendant said he was not liable to pay the claim or any part thereof and denied that the plaintiff's losses amounted to \$648,816.67 or to any sum nearly as large, and that he, as compradore, was not liable to pay it, or any part of it, and that plaintiff had lost all their rights against the defendant by entering into agreements in the early part of August 1906 and the early part of September 1906 to give time to the Chinese concerned for taking delivery of the goods the plaintiffs had contracted to sell. He was liable to pay no more than the difference between the price at which the said goods were contracted to be sold, and the market price, and the market price at the dates on which delivery of the said goods should have been taken, and was not liable to pay anything in the case of goods which the plaintiffs had not in hand at the due date for the delivery thereof. Goods imported by the plaintiffs to meet their contracts were destroyed or damaged by the typhoon of 18th Sept. 1906, and in other storms, and the plaintiffs had received monies in respect of such destroyed or damaged goods, and not credited some to defendant nor had they brought into account in their claim against the defendant certain monies received by them under agreements of compromise with purchasers.

The counter claim stated that defendant repeated the allegations contained in the statement of defence under and in pursuance of the agreement the defendant deposited with the plaintiff \$50,000 as security for the due performance by the defendant of his obligations under the agreement and that those obligations had been performed.

The reply to the defence and counter claim stated that plaintiffs' agreements, as compradores with the plaintiffs and his obligations were defined in two agreements dated January 30, 1902 and a further agreement on April 27, 1906, and that the defendant was liable to pay the plaintiffs claim in that action. Plaintiffs further contended that the losses amounted to \$648,816.67.

Referring to the counterclaim plaintiffs stated that \$50,000 was deposited by defendant with the plaintiffs where they remain, as security for the due performance of his obligations, which defendant had not fulfilled.

Evidence was called and the case was adjourned.

THE ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE.

At an examination in Sanitary Science as applied to Buildings and Public Works, held in Hongkong on May 25th and 27th, 1908, one candidate presented himself, and a Certificate was granted to Samuel R. Boyd.

At an examination for Inspectors of Nuisances, held in Hongkong on May 25th and 27th, 1908, two candidates presented themselves. The following were certified, as regards their Sanitary Knowledge, competent to discharge the duties of Inspectors of Nuisances under the Public Health Act, 1875:—Frederick Ernest Bead, and Robert Hudson.

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CHARGE AGAINST A JOURNALIST.

This morning the arrest was effected, at the office of the *Query*, of Alfred W. Hall, a reporter, on a charge of forgery and embezzlement at Manila. He was brought before Mr. J. H. Kemp at the Magistrate's Court, and after being formally charged, the case was remanded until Wed. the 16th inst.

TWO OFFICIALS DISMISSED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, December 8. Two officials, whose names are not given, have been dismissed for breaking the mourning rules by shaving off their beards a few days ago.

CORRESPONDENCE.

HONGKONG—20th CENTURY.

(To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL.")

Sir,—As I am about to place on record an important historical incident I must be absolutely correct as to my facts. Yesterday at 5.42 p.m. I left the Hongkong Club. The correctness of this can be attested by that well-known and popular member of H.M.S. Services, X—X, R.N., who passed the time of day with me in the direction towards Queen's Buildings when, at 5.43 p.m., I observed a hard-working, honest, coolie intent on trying to light the street-lamp nearest the statue of H.K.M. the Prince of Wales. The h.c. had climbed part way up the lamp-post and was desperately maintaining his position with his toes and the crook of his arm. He had a long bamboo and a box which contained matches, now nearly empty, as was clearly shown by the little heap of kindling wood on the road beneath him.

The typhoon was rapidly approaching the Colony and I greatly feared it would be upon us before the lamp could be lighted. The procedure was as follows:—The h.c. struck a match and hurriedly endeavoured to stick it on the end of his bamboo and insert it under the glass lamp so as to reach the gas jet. I strove to assist him, but he was too busy to do so. The h.c. struck a match and hurriedly endeavoured to stick it on the end of his bamboo and insert it under the glass lamp so as to reach the gas jet. I strove to assist him, but he was too busy to do so.

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A CHIEF WITH A NOTEBOOK.

[Note:—We regret we are unable to reproduce the charming pen and ink illustrations which adorn this letter.—Ed. C.M.]

COLLISION BETWEEN JUNK AND STEAMSHIP.

Sequel in Supreme Court.

Yun Wen sued the Indo China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., before Mr. Justice Gompertz, at the Supreme Court, this afternoon, for \$10,000 being damages sustained by the plaintiff by reason of a collision between the s.s. Loong Sang and a junk, whereby plaintiff's wife lost her life.

Mr. Otto Kong Sing appeared for the plaintiff and said that as an action for damages, Messrs. Hastings and Hastings had written to him stating they were willing to assume for the purposes of that case, that the collision was due to negligence.

Plaintiff was called in support of his claim, and gave evidence as to the death of his wife.

Mr. J. Hastings, who defended, cross-examined plaintiff as to a marriage. Plaintiff said he had never seen his wife, who was a widow, before he married her. He did not see her before he married her. An old woman acted as go-between and he paid \$500. There was no wedding chair and she walked into his house.

Was there any document exchanged between you and the parents of this woman, asked Mr. Hastings. "No," answered the plaintiff.

Did you live with this woman until the time of her death? Yes. All the time? Yes. Where did you live? We lived in Tai Wo Street for two months and in another street after that.

How do you know she was a widow? She said so.

You took no means to enquire? Yes. Of whom did you enquire? From the go-between.

Would you be surprised to hear your wife had a husband in the country at the time you married her? No she had no husband.

Do you know a man has put in a petition to the Registrar General for compensation for the death of his wife, who was the woman in question? I don't know.

Did you ever go to Messrs. Wilkinson and Griest's Office to ask them to make a claim for your wife? I don't know.

Did you ever go to any lawyer, except Mr. Otto Kong Sing, to make a claim for your wife? No.

Mr. Hastings then read a letter written by Messrs. Wilkinson and Griest to Messrs. Jackson, Matheson and Co., at the request of plaintiff.

You did not instruct Messrs. Wilkinson and Griest to write that letter? No.

You failed to identify the body when asked to do so by the police? No, I never saw any body.

You want to the mortuary yourself? Yes.

In the course of further cross-examination plaintiff said his wife earned from 40 to 50 cents per day.

Re-examined by Mr. Otto Kong Sing. Is it the custom amongst Chinese not to see their wives before they are married? I did not see mine. (Laughter.)

Further evidence was called. The case was adjourned.

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MEMBER OF THE TRIAD SOCIETY.

A charge of being a member of an unlawful society, to wit the Triad Society, was to-day preferred against So Kam Tong, a servant at 60 Caine Road, before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy.

The evidence showed that Sergt. Watt visited the house yesterday evening in reference to an alleged larceny, and while there he observed a locked drawer of which defendant had the key. On it being opened defendant hurriedly snatched out a parcel, which on investigation was found to contain Triad Society literature.

Mr. Mok Li Chi, after a perusal of the books, stated that they contained writings of the Society, representations at the Triad and other things indicating secret signs.

Defendant, who stated that he knew nothing about the contents of the books, which were left to him by a friend to keep for a few days, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

MASONIC.

At a regular meeting of the United Service Lodge (No. 1841 E.C.) held last night, Wor. Bro. Jones was installed as Wor. Master for the ensuing year by Wor. Bro. T. F. Hough, D.D.G.M., assisted by his Grand Lodge Officers.

The usual banquet was held after the ceremony, about 120 members sitting down, and a very pleasant evening was spent with music and singing.

Wor. Bro. J. N. Jones, invested his Officers as follows:—

I. P. M. Wor. Bro. E. C. L. Lewis; S. W. Bro. W. Wolfe; J. W. Bro. O. F. Frost; Treasurer, Wor. Bro. H. G. Baker; Secretary, Wor. Bro. W. H. Woolley; S. D. Bro. E. J. Knight; J. D. Bro. C. A. Atkins; Chaplain, Bro. T. W. Martin; Organist, Bro. J. C. Penelbury; D. of C. Bro. W. R. Sutton; Asst. D. of C. Bro. J. W. Adams; I. G. Bro. G. S. Hill; Steward, Bro. W. J. Longston; Asst. Steward, Bro. T. G. Gough; Tyler, Bro. J. Vangione.

OFFICIALS PUNISHED.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, December 8.

Two Yandu officials who were found smoking opium without a license have been degraded and severely punished. The local authorities have received orders to make investigation among the officials and to degrade those who are found to smoke opium still.

SPORTING.

Cricket.

KING ALFRED OFFICERS' & BUFFS OFFICERS. A match has been arranged for to-morrow (Thursday) between the officers of the King Alfred and the Buffs regiments. The game will commence at 10.45 a.m. By the kindness of the committee and members of the Hongkong Cricket Club, the match will be played on the Club ground. The band of the Buffs will render a selection of music during the afternoon from 3.30 to 5.50 p.m., and the Officers of the Buffs and of the King Alfred will be "At Home" on the ground to all their friends in the Colony.

Lawn Bowls.

For the three competitions which are in progress in connection with the Kowloon Bowling Club the semi-final draws have resulted as follows:—President's prize—D. McIntyre v. D. McCraig, W. J. Crawford v. J. M. Henderson. Vice-President's prize—A. Ramsay v. R. H. Baxter, Capt. Milroy v. J. C. Gow. Championship—J. Ramsay v. J. M. Henderson, W. J. Crawford v. J. C. Gow.

Navy and Army Boxing Championships.

The annual Navy and Army boxing championships concluded at Aldershot on October 29. In seven of the eight weight classes and semi-finals were fought. In the eighth, the officers' featherweights, the final only was left for decision. With championships appearing in practically every class, the boxing was of a very high order, and in the officers' competitions well up to the highest amateur standard. The results were:—

OFFICERS' CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Featherweights—Final—Sub-Lieutenant J. A. Shuter, R.N., beat Lieutenant H. M. Powell, 1st South Staffs. Lightweights—Lieutenant P. Nowcombe, R.N., beat Sergeant E. L. Atkinson, R.N. Middleweights—Lieutenant R. B. Campbell, 1st Gordon Highlanders, beat Lieut. R. East, R.N. Heavyweights—Lieut. G. M. Ellison, 2nd Lincoln Regt., beat Capt. G. W. Bentley, 4th Middlesex.

MEN'S CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Featherweights—Capt. Darley, 1st R. W. Kent Regt., beat Driver A. Windbank, A.S.C. Lightweights—Lance Corporal Baker, 1st R. W. Kent Regt., beat Second Class Petty Officer Dunne, Royal Naval Barracks, Liverpool. Middleweights—Private J. Murray, 1st Scots Guards, beat Private Harris, 2nd Coldstream Guards. Heavyweights—Gunner Hewitt, R. M. A., beat Sergeant O'Connor, 8th Dragoon Guards.

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FIRE AT CANTON.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, December 8.

Yesterday at about 10.30 a.m. a fire broke out in the city in the Yamen of the Kwong Chow District. Two wings and one central hall were consumed.

PATROL BOATS AT HO YUEN.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)
CANTON, December 8.

In Ho Yuen District, in Wei Chow, robberies are frequently committed on the junks and boats passing along the river, and to protect the business from such attacks patrol-boats have been stationed there. This action on the part of the authorities has incurred the robbers who evidently object to any such interference with their business. In retaliation they attacked one of the patrol-boats on Sunday last and threw some explosive on board with the result that the boat was soon ablaze. Then they fired on the soldiers aboard who immediately plunged into the water to save themselves. No soldier is reported as missing, but the affair is quite serious enough as it shows how bold these robbers are becoming.

TO THE HEAD OF THE FAMILY.

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ASHA	1909 Jan. 9	INDIA	Feb. 6	Feb. 13
DELHI	Jan. 23	VICTORIA	Feb. 20	Feb. 27
DEVANHA	Feb. 6	MOOREA	Mar. 6	Mar. 13
DELTA	Feb. 20	MOULTAN	Mar. 20	Mar. 27
ASHA	Mar. 6	CHINA	Apr. 3	Apr. 10
DELHI	Mar. 20	MAIWA	Apr. 17	Apr. 24
DEVANHA	Apr. 3	MONGOLIA	May 1	May 8
DELTA	Apr. 17		May 15	May 22

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